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CANADA-NATO: CANADIAN DEFENSE MINISTER CADIEUX IS EXPECTED TO INFORM ALLIES AT THE NATO MEETING THIS WEEK OF CANADA'S PLANS FOR A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF ITS FORCES IN EUROPE.

A SENIOR CANADIAN OFFICIAL,

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SAYS THAT CADIEUX WILL MAKE HIS PRESENTATION TO SECRETARY LAIRD TODAY AND TO THE OTHER ALLIES WITH INTEGRATED FORCES IN GERMANY ON WEDNESDAY. HE WILL PROPOSE A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN CANADA'S 10,000-MAN AIR AND GROUND FORCES IN EUROPE AND A CHANGE IN CANADA'S NATO ROLE OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS. THE OFFICIAL SAYS THAT RECENT PRESS SPECULATION OF A CUTBACK OF 6,000 MEN IS NOT FAR FROM THE MARK.

CADIEUX WILL LEAVE BEHIND IN BRUSSELS A SPECIAL TEAM OF CANADIAN MILITARY OFFICERS TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM SACEUR OR THE ALLIES UNTIL HE MAKES A DETAILED STATEMENT OF OTTAWA'S PLAN IN COMMONS SOME-TIME BEFORE IT ADJOURNS ON 27 JUNE.

THERE IS SOME FLEXIBILITY IN THE CANADIAN PLAN, ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE TIMING OF INDIVIDUAL MOVES. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ALLIES SHOULD ARGUE THAT THE PLAN INVOLVES TOO ABRUPT A REDUCTION IN ITS INITIAL PHASE, OTTAWA WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL ADJUSTMENT.

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